



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is October 4 through 10, 2026 and the theme is, “Charge into Fire Safety- Safe Charging is a Superpower!” and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme spreads awareness about lithium-ion batteries which are working and charging in most homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) regularly responds to fires that are ignited by batteries; and

WHEREAS, these fires burn hot and can be extremely difficult to extinguish, making them dangerous for both the community and firefighters. Be sure to:

- **Buy only listed products** – look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.
- **Charge devices safely** – always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don’t overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it’s fully charged.
- **Recycle batteries responsibly.** Lithium-ion batteries should never be put in the curbside recycling or trash because they can (and have) started fires. Recycle your device or battery at a safe recycling location such as Timberline Recycling Center or the Larimer County Landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2026, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of October, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk